

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government has created a sea of redtape and an ocean of mandates that are drowning our States and communities, and past attempts to break the tide simply have not worked.

The bill has broad, bipartisan support at all levels of government, and the private sector. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5, an oppose any amendments that would weaken the thrust of this legislation.

#### STENHOLM-SIMON BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mr. MINGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, 130 years ago, President Lincoln, in addressing a troubled nation, said, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate for the stormy present. As our problems are new, we must think anew."

The unprecedented deficits that this government has incurred year after year in the last 1½ decades have created a national debt of staggering proportions. The balanced budget amendment is a new approach to the stormy financial burden afflicting this Nation. We have a firm, respected bipartisan balanced budget amendment which the Congress came close to passing 6 months ago. It is the Stenholm-Simon proposal. Let us act promptly to pass this bipartisan amendment in 1995.

#### CHILDREN AT RISK THROUGH INEQUITABLE DIVISION OF FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, last week, I returned to my district to attend a very sad funeral. Little Kelsey O'Niel was more than a neighbor girl; she was like a member of the family. She was the embodiment of the term "cute as a bug's ear." She died suddenly last Sunday night as the result of an acute asthma attack.

Not even an act of Congress can bring Kelsey back.

But, we can bring some equity to the division of research dollars that the Federal Government provides. Diseases that take our children must be a much higher priority. We can also loosen the regulations that the Food and Drug Administration [FDA] and other agencies impose on new treatments and technologies.

If we can prevent even a few future such sad events, then our efforts will be more than worth it.

Kelsey I will never forget you.

#### PROTECTING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I have just seen a shocking AP bulletin. It tells that three fine Oregon doctors have been targeted for harassment by antichoice groups who have created a deadly dozen list identifying 12 doctors, 3 of them from Oregon, to be the target of intense harassment. This is the kind of terrorism that leads to murder at abortion clinics.

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This must be stopped. Abortion is legal, and it is a right that must be protected. Antiabortion groups that refuse to condemn acts of terrorism and murder are encouraging violence. This lawlessness is extremely frightening to me, and it should be to all of us.

In addition to the Federal laws we have protecting clinic entrances, I call upon my colleagues to support the resolution offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MEEHAN] requiring Federal law enforcement officials to act swiftly to protect clinics.

I support freedom of speech, but not harassment, not murder. Regardless of one's position on choice, we must stand against the escalating lawlessness at our clinics.

#### LISTEN CLOSELY TO CICERO

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, the idea that the budget should be balanced is not new; although judging from the gnashing of teeth and wringing of hands that we have heard from the other side of the aisle it is downright revolutionary; but in fact it is an idea that is older than the Founding Fathers. Listen closely to what the Roman statesman Cicero had to say on the subject in 63 B.C. It sounds like it was written today:

The budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced. The arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt.

I would say to my Democrat colleagues to pay special heed to Cicero's words concerning the arrogance of officialdom, as it was that, as much as anything else, that led to their party's decline and fall, and as for us Republicans, we must keep in mind that we are the agents of the people who sent us here, not their masters, and we must keep our promises to them to pass a balanced budget amendment, pass an unfunded mandates bill, and reduce the size and power of government.

#### WE NEED FULL DISCLOSURE OF CUTS IN THE REPUBLICAN BALANCED BUDGET

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, later this week the House will be voting on a Republican balanced budget amendment which does contain a three-fifths supermajority requirement but does not contain any listing of the cuts necessary to balance the budget. Members of Congress are being asked to buy a pig in a poke. The Congress and the American people need disclosure, and the Republicans have been unwilling, or unable, to list the cuts that will be required. Without the facts, the American people support the balanced budget amendment 4 to 1, until they learn that Social Security, Medicare, education, et cetera, may be cut. Then the amendment is opposed 2 to 1.

Mr. Speaker, if indeed our Republican colleagues do not intend to cut Social Security, why did they defeat the amendment to build a constitutional wall between Social Security and the rest of the budget? Why did they defeat the amendment to disclose a balanced budget blueprint before sending the balanced budget amendment to the States? It is clear that the American people need full disclosure of the cuts in the Republican balanced budget. They should not be handed a pig or a piglet in a poke.

#### DR. SEUSS ON THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, with apologies to Dr. Seuss I must confess that as a former elementary school-teacher I have tried my hand at trying to explain what is going on in Congress this week in language that even a child can understand:

They will not try a balanced budget, Sam I am. They will not try it with a mouse, they will not try in the House. They will not try a balanced budget, Sam I am.

But can we fund it on the States? Or we stop it and make them wait? If we can fund it on their backs, they will never find out what we lack.

But no, we can't fund it on the States, we can't stop it and make them wait. We must try the balanced budget, Sam I am.

A balanced budget is good you'll see. No mandates, no deficit is where we'll be.

You should try it, it's no slouch, you should try it with a mouse, and Mr. Speaker, I'd like to see it in this House. Sam, I am.

#### MR. GINGRICH'S PERSONAL ATTACKS ON FORMER SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, 3 days ago Speaker NEWT GINGRICH referred to former Speaker Jim Wright as, quote, a